

FROM CHICAGO.

It takes a man like P. S. Henson to "lead the lion in his cage," and so tactfully to threaten him as to prevent issuance of the faintest semblance of a growl. This thought is suggested by the recollection of the Doctor's discourse delivered last Sunday afternoon on the very interesting occasion of the dedication of the new church edifice of the University Baptist church. After the sermon, merrily, it would seem, through the influence of Dr. Henson's earnest and irresistably humorous appeal, something over four thousand dollars—balance due on the building—was raised, and the church launched forth without debt on that score. Some unscrupulous minds have suggested that possibly his reputation for raising money may have had some influence in securing for the Doctor the chief honors of the occasion. Be that as it may, he made full use of the opportunity to say something greatly to the point.

"For instruction in righteousness." Many good people are deeply concerned for their loved ones and friends until they get them into the church, and then turn them loose to grow as best they may, or to drift as surely with them. Every newly converted person is a babe, needing to be tenderly nurtured as such, and bearing no good milk for a baby, though some of our Chicago dairymen think to improve on that diet. Take my word for it, milk, pure milk is what they need. Here we have "the sincere milk of the Word"—plenty of it and of the best quality; give it to them. In conversion the foundation of character is but just laid. Let us by these plans and specifications rear thereon a building that shall stand the test of flames, and prove for us a joyful habitation among the redeemed.

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THE CHURCH OF CHRIST—ITS WORK CONSIDERED.

"Unto the church which is in God the Father, and in the Lord Jesus Christ."—*1 Thess. 1:1.*

These words were addressed to a local body of Christians, free and independent, a kingdom within itself. It was divine in origin, scriptural in doctrine and practice. Two things are found in this church which are worthy of serious consideration:

1. It was composed only of converted members. With this church there was no such thing as quite your meanness, join the church and get religion.

2. They were Christians according to our election of grace. 4th Verse. Knowing, brethren, you loved, your election of God, Paul my plant, Apolis' my water, but God giveth the increase. This

church being in Christ was given Him of the Father to be unto him as a pride to a husband, and ultimately the reward of his undertaking. Moreover, we are told that Christ loved the church and gave himself for it. This can be no other than electing love. With Christ, love was founded upon character. He speaks of leaving his disciples on the account, "If ye keep my commandments ye shall abide in my love." In this body of elect we have clearly defined the nature and mission of the church. Let us notice briefly

what is profitable. What is thy being elect? It must be the foundation of all right character, and character is the essential thing. That steals my purpose, etc., etc. Men took away Christ's good name, but did not make it poor. You cannot reach his character; it is what I am. Every child came into the world with character, and being by nature the children of Adam, the character is essentially bad. I do not believe in such expressions as, "Ye little lamb." Every one must be regenerated in order to enter into the kingdom. Every one of that vast multitude that John saw had "washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." The Bible is not a systematic treatise on geology, nor on astronomy, for man could not comprehend it. Yet, not one person has ever been established by science that does not readily agree with the inspired word.

"Is it profitable for doctrine?"

As to the "Womans' Aid" and the Society for the promotion of missions, I do not believe in such con-

tributions that January 1800 does.

That means letting in the light.

In the beginning God said: "Let there be light, and there was light." During all time since, has there been light through the darkness of His word. There are many things we can aid and must aid elsewhere; but only from the light we may learn what is life, that is death, whence we came, and whither go. Give me doomsday.

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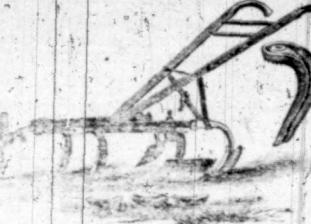
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